

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY WORKSHOP
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Bryon Black, County Attorney; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Good Evening and welcome to the virtual meeting of the Frederick County Council. Today is Tuesday, June 23, 2020, today is a Workshop day for the County Council.

The Frederick County Council is still conducting our meetings on-line during this time and this may continue for the foreseeable future due to concerns about the spread of the COVID virus.

Our meetings continue to be televised on Frederick County Government Channel 19, on Frederick County Government's website: www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV, and as long as we continue to meet virtually, we will be using a software program which allows the public to watch and participate in our meetings. Please go to www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings in order to watch us on that format.

You may still send us comments via email at (Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov), or by calling (301) 600-1135 and leaving a voicemail message. Or using our new format, you may call toll free 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 8365 to record your comments. As always, all comments received will be reflected in the minutes.

As a reminder during these virtual meetings, I will periodically stop to allow the members to ask any questions they might have on the issue being discussed...calling the council members by name to make sure the public is aware of which member has the floor.

As a continued caution to our Council Members – Please be respectful of each other's time and wait to be recognized before you begin to speak. Remember the microphone issue and please limit your questions to one at a time. I will continue to circle back until all questions appear to be answered.

To begin our meeting, the President started with a roll call vote to determine a quorum, since not everyone was visible on the screen. Members present responded "here". CM Blue, Dacey, Donald, Fitzwater, Hagen, and McKay. The President conducted a roll call of the members. All seven (7) council members responded in the affirmative.

The President then lead a moment of silence to remember those who were working so hard to contain the deadly disease, all those working on the front lines, the doctors, nurses, hospital staff, the emergency responders, the families and friends of those who have been sickened and were fighting for their lives, and unfortunately those who have lost their battle and have died..

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The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to go into Closed Session

A motion was made at 4:35 p.m., by Council Vice President, Michael Blue, to go into closed session in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1) To discuss: (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

***The council went into closed session at 4:35 p.m.*

Budget Adjustments

- J-20-305 – Circuit Court
- J-20-309 – Finance Division

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-20-305 and J-20-309 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Frederick County's Climate Action Plans

Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the County Executive and Shannon Moore, Manager, Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources presented information to the Council on Frederick County's Climate Action Plans.

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Final Action on Proposed Charter Questions and Amendments

The Council Members discussed the Proposed Charter Questions and Amendments. By unanimous consent, the Council agreed that Question number 8 would move forward. Due to the time constraints and lateness of the hour, the Council postponed the remaining questions and amendments to be decided on at the June 30, 2020 Council Workshop.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Brett Simmons

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council

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**FORM OF STATEMENT FOR
CLOSING THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

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Time and Location:

4:40 p.m. – Held Virtually Via Teams Meeting

Topic for Discussion:

To evaluate and interview possible candidates that the Council may consider for confirmation.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
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**FORM OF STATEMENT FOR MINUTES OF NEXT OPEN MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020
FOLLOWING THE CLOSED MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1) To discuss: (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

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Time and Location:

4:40 p.m. – Held Virtually Via Teams Meeting

Others in Attendance:

Ragen Cherney, Council Chief of Staff; Bryon Black, County Attorney; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; Monica Bearden, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, County Executive's Office.

Topic Discussed:

To evaluate and interview possible candidates that the Council may consider for confirmation.

Action Taken:

None

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council